

University offers a 'rapid test' for the H1N1 flu virus

By Christine Cavazos
Staff Writer

No cases of the H1N1 virus, previously referred to as swine flu, have been reported on the UTB/TSC campus, university officials said Friday, but with three confirmed cases of the disease in the Rio Grande Valley, they are urging the campus community to remain vigilant.

During a campus forum about the deadly disease on Friday, university officials said that if a student, staff or faculty member experiences the symptoms of the flu, they can visit Student Health Services or their personal primary health care provider.

The department will then administer a “rapid test.” If the test outcome is positive, the patient will be prescribed and given Tamiflu and ordered to go home. A consent form will be obtained from students to notify the dean of students.

A sample will be sent to the state laboratory for confirmation of the flu.

“Then the student will be advised to return to the clinic after a period of time that the practitioner prescribed, so that we can follow up clearance,” said Eugenia Curet, director of Student Health Services.

Curet said that some students have gone to the department to get tested.

"Thus far, we haven't had any type A positive students," she said.

Students who choose to see their personal health care provider will also be advised to bring a medical clearance before returning to the campus.

Doug Arney, UTB/TSC's associate vice president for Business Affairs /Compliance, also told *The Collegian* that no cases of the disease had been reported on campus.

Interim Provost Antonio Zavaleta said university officials are meeting in the morning and afternoon to keep monitoring the disease, but that as of now

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Generation gap in Blackboard use?

By Julianna Sosa
Staff Writer

Today's youth is one of the most Internet savvy and technologically engaged of any generation, so it is no surprise that there is a rising demand from students for more of their professors to use Blackboard.

Students can use their MYUTB/TSC Blackboard account for anything that pertains to educational instruction and campus life, but many feel there is a lack of utilization of the account from the instructional side.

Freshman communication major Bettina Gomez said she uses her Blackboard account but half of her professors do not.

"If this is a student resource, then our professors should be using it to inform us of our grades and whatever else we need," Gomez said.

Priscilla Rocha, a junior majoring in biology and psychology, said she and other students are concerned about their grades in a particular class because the professor does not post their grades on Blackboard.

“Not knowing this doesn’t even give us a chance to withdraw on time,” Rocha said. “Even with the current topic coming on right now, with swine flu, if something happens right now and they have to close down the college, we have our finals coming up, how are we going to take them if this professor has never gotten used to the Blackboard system?”

Blackboard is a company that provides services to institutions at all levels to drive learner achievement by creating personalized and

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Aztek employee Maria Del Carmen Martinez cleans the women's restroom in the Student Union wearing gloves and a mask for her protection.



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Briefs

Early voting

Early voting for Brownsville city elections takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. today and Tuesday in Mary Cardenas North Hall lobby. For more information, call the **Cameron County Elections Office** at 544-0809.

Food 4 Thought

UTB/TSC will sponsor a **Food 4 Thought** from 9 to 11 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Union's Scorpion Café. A free breakfast will be served by faculty and staff.

Schlitterbahn tickets on sale

UTB/TSC's **Staff Senate** is sponsoring tickets for **Schlitterbahn** from May 16 to 22. Tickets are \$25 and can be bought at the Business Office, located in Tandy Hall. For more information, call 882-7441.

Master chorale CD

The Master Chorale is selling a CD titled **"Live from Italy"** \$10. To get an order form, see photographs and videos from the trip, visit <http://www.utb.edu/newsinfo/Pages/Italy.aspx>. For more information, call **Mary Jane Radford** at 882-

7244 or send an e-mail to mary.j.radford@utb.edu.

PC diagnostics

UTB/TSC's **Association for Computing Machinery** club diagnoses computers, removes viruses and maintains laptops from 12 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Endowment Courtyard. Fliers with steps on how to get rid of a virus are handed out. For more information, send an e-mail to acm.utb@gmail.com.

MBRS scholar

The MBRS RISE Program at UTB/TSC is seeking scientists for careers as biomedical researchers. Students must be willing to work with renowned scientists and be available to travel to scientific conferences across the United States and participate in scientific meetings conducted by leaders in biomedical research. The basic requirement is a desire in research as a career. For more information, send an e-mail to **Sandra Gerace** at sandra.gerace@utb.edu.

Clinic hours

The business hours for the

Student Health Services clinic, located in Cortez Hall 206, are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The last patient of the day is seen 30 minutes before closing time. For more information, call 882-3896 or visit the clinic.

Immunizations

Student Health Services has \$5 immunizations for hepatitis A, hepatitis B, HPV (human papilloma virus), polio, meningitis, measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, influenza and varicella (chicken pox). Prices apply to students 18 years or younger at time of visit. For more information, call 882-3896.

Continuing Education

The Workforce Education Department is taking registrations for the following courses: real estate classes, computer courses and summer programs for children ages 5 to 14. The schedules for the classes are on the UTB/TSC main page (www.utb.edu) under the Continuing Education tab. For more information, call 882-

4192.

Microsoft Office workshop

UTB/TSC offers a free **Microsoft Office Workshop** on Excel, Access, Outlook, Word, FrontPage, Publisher and PowerPoint to students, staff and faculty by appointment in Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library room 235. To register, visit <http://blue.utb.edu/usslabs/>.

Learning Enrichment services

The **Learning Enrichment Department's Writing Lab** gives support with writing assignments, research papers, online database research and Blackboard assistance. All services are free for current UTB/TSC students. Operating hours are from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday in Cardenas Hall North 120.

--Compiled by Paola Ibarra

If you would like your organization or department news published in the Collegian's Briefs section, call Paola Ibarra at 882-5143 or send her an e-mail at collegian@utb.edu.

Scholarships

The **Minorities in Government Finance Scholarship** is available to students that are part-time or full-time; upper-division undergraduate or graduates; are majoring in public administration, accounting, finance, political science, economics or business administration; belong to any ethnic group: black or African American, American Indian or Alaskan native, Asian, native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, Hispanic or Latino. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, provide a recommendation from an academic adviser or dean of graduate program or department chair and have not been a recipient of a GFOA scholarship. The **deadline to apply is Friday**. For more information, visit <http://gfoa.org>.

The **Akash Kuruvilla Memorial Scholarship Fund** is available to students who must demonstrate excellence in leadership, diversity, integrity and academia; prove financial

need; show content of character and the potential to make an impact on his/her peers and community; have a GPA of 3.5 (high school seniors) 3.0 (college students). The **deadline to apply is June 1**. For more information, visit www.akmsf.com.

The **Christophers' Video Contest for College Students** awards \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$3,000 to students who are enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate program at a college or university, create a film or video (five minutes or less in length) that best communicates the message and mission of the Christophers and its belief that one person can make a difference and must express a theme in any genre or shooting style and must be submitted as Region 1 or regionless DVDs or on standard, full-sized VHS in NTSC format. The **deadline to apply is June 8**. For more information, visit <http://www.christophers.org>.

The **American Respiratory Care Foundation** awards

\$1,000 to students who provide verification of enrollment in an accredited respiratory care training program, an official transcript verifying a GPA of 3.0, six copies of an original referenced paper on some aspect of respiratory care and letters of recommendation from the program director or other senior faculty member and from the medical director. The **deadline** to turn in an application, which must be notarized, is **June 15**. For more information, visit <http://www.arcfoundation.org/awards/undergraduate/duggan.cfm>.

The **Catholic Health Association of Texas Student Scholarship Program** awards \$250, \$500 and \$1,000 to Catholic students from a diocese in Texas who attend a university as sophomores and are majoring in health-related careers, including medicine, nursing, occupational or physical therapy, social work and hospital administration. The **deadline to apply is June 26**. For more information, visit

<http://www.utb.edu/em/fa/Pages/FAScholarshipMain.aspx> or call (512) 420-0024 or send an e-mail to cspikes@chatexas.org.

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Correction

In the April 27 issue of *The Collegian*, an article about the Border Wall Symposium misspelled the last name of junior communication major Steven Avelar.

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900 to graduate May 16

By David Boon
Staff Writer

When he started attending Texas Southmost College in 1974, Manuel Guajardo was the first one in his family to go to college.

"I wasn't quite exposed to the college world or a higher education environment, since I was the first one in my family to go to school," said Guajardo, a longtime Brownsville obstetrician. "I don't feel that I lost anything by staying here, by starting here. As a matter of fact, I feel I may have gained by being here, because I was able to break into the college environment and do it very comfortably, and then move forward from there."

He spent three semesters at TSC before transferring to the University of Texas at San Antonio, completing his bachelor's degree in biology in 1978. He earned his medical degree in 1983 from the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston.

Guajardo will be the keynote speaker for UTB/TSC's Spring Commencement, which is set for 8 a.m. May 16 on the Mary Rose Cardenas Hall South Lawn.

He is one of the recipients of UTB/TSC's 2009 Distinguished Alumnus award. The other is John C. Hunter, a music composer and co-founder of Juniper Music Productions in Dallas.

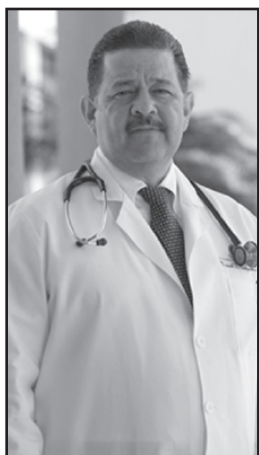
During the ceremony, Guajardo's keynote address will seek to encourage listeners to learn from other's experiences.

"There's a lot of people who have gone before you that have done good and not-so good," he said. "If you just look around you and see what people are doing and not doing, you can learn a lot."

A total of 902 students are eligible to graduate, with 1,002 diplomas to be awarded, according to Associate Registrar Anabel Salinas.

The College of Applied Technology and General Studies is awarding 33 certificates, 36 associate degrees and 54 bachelor's degrees.

The College of Liberal Arts is awarding 179 associate degrees, 150 bachelor's



Manuel Guajardo

degrees and 18 graduate degrees.

The College of Science, Mathematics and Technology is awarding eight certificates, 10 associate degrees, 73 bachelor's degrees and five graduate degrees.

The School of Business is awarding 11 associate degrees, 53 bachelor's degrees and 12 graduate degrees.

The School of Education is awarding six certificates, 46 associate degrees, 104 bachelor's degrees and 57 graduate degrees.

The School of Health Sciences is awarding one certificate, 129 associate degrees, 14 bachelor's degrees and three graduate degrees.

Among the graduates will be Wiktor Mogilski, 22 and the ninth in the history of UTB/TSC to graduate with a master's of science in pure mathematics. Mogilski is the son of Jerzy Mogilski, chair of the Mathematics Department and an associate professor.

The younger Mogilski is graduating with a 4.0 grade-point average, and only took four years to earn both his bachelor's and master's degrees.

"What I suggest is simple: Move through your undergraduate as quick as possible, because that's when it gets the most interesting, and don't take long breaks between your undergraduate and your graduate," the graduate said. "It pays off."

He plans to continue his graduate studies and earn his doctorate in mathematics and discrete geometry.

"I'll probably go to [the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for a semester and then probably Penn State," Mogilski said.

Flu

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the campus is still open.

"We'll take it one moment at a time and [then] make a decision," Zavaleta said.

Students, faculty and staff were able to submit their questions by e-mail, so that the panel could answer them.

The panel was formed by Luis Colom, professor and chairman of the Biological Sciences Department; Joseph McCormick, regional dean of the University of Texas School of Public Health-Brownsville Regional Campus; Dr. Hugo Rodriguez, an assistant master technical instructor in the Biological Sciences Department; Charles Dameron, vice president for Academic Affairs; and Christopher M. Ledingham, an assistant professor in the Health and Human Performance Department.

The University of Texas-Pan American closed its Starr County Upper-Level Center on Thursday; classes were to resume on Saturday.

"The decision to shut down was made following the two confirmed cases of swine flu in the Starr County area in consultation with Starr County Health authorities," according to the UT-Pan Am Web site.

On Friday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported 141 confirmed cases in the United States, including one death in Texas. The state had a total of 28 cases.

The World Health Organization has raised the current level of pandemic alert from level 4 to 5, according to its Web site.

Level 5 is "a strong signal that a pandemic is imminent and that the time to finalize the organization, communication, and implementation of the planned mitigation measures is short," the Web site states.

McCormick said that this particular flu is a mutation of the regular flu virus.

"What happened here is we have a virus that is normally associated with pigs that

has jumped and now is able to transmit from one human to another, which means that it has no longer anything to do with pigs, but it came from pigs," he said.

The H1N1 virus can be transmitted like the regular flu.

"It's transmitted by coughing," McCormick said, "so it gets droplets in the air, so we breathe in the droplets. They can get into our eyes; it gets into our hands, [we] put our hands around our mouth or eyes. It can infect us that way, too."

Curet said the department will not be distributing face masks.

"Some of the students have come in here to buy them, but we don't have enough to

provide for [the] students and there is not a need to be wearing masks at this point," she said.

In a news conference held Wednesday at the Texas Department of State Health Services office in Harlingen, Regional Director Brian Smith said face masks do not offer a lot of help in preventing the flu.

"For the average person and the general population, the masks

will not be fit tested and also the risk of encountering a person with influenza will not be that great and so we don't recommend masks in general," Smith said. "It's far more important to [follow] the basic recommendations that we've talked about."

Smith announced at the news conference that three cases of the disease had been reported in the Valley—one in Cameron County and two in Starr County.

McCormick said fever, runny nose, sore throat, cough and headache are among the most common symptom of the virus.

He advised that if not severely ill, those who are infected should rest, take regular over-the-counter medicine and stay home.

Brownsville Mayor Pat Ahumada urged residents to suspend all nonessential travel to Mexico until further notice.

According to the WHO Web site, Mexico has "156 confirmed human cases of infection, including nine deaths."



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As a precaution against the swine flu, junior psychology major and Student Health Services Office Clerk Ali Kay wears a face mask during work.

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Student Soapbox

How worried are you about the swine flu?

"I am worried because it's dangerous. ... All I can do is prevent it by washing my hands."

Jose Arturo Guerra

Sophomore business management major



"The swine flu, I know, is becoming a larger and larger epidemic in this country, but I carry anti-bacterial [gel]."

So, I think I'm fine as long as I keep my personal space and everyone else washes their hands. I'm not too concerned about it, really."

Leanne Blackwell
Sophomore

"Well, even though the numbers are growing on both sides of the border, I still think the probability is [not] really high of me as an individual catching it, so I'm not very worried."

Isaac Cruz

Junior art education major



"Not really. I think it'll be OK, even though I heard there was a lot of bad deaths. I don't think it'll be that bad, though, with the right treatments."

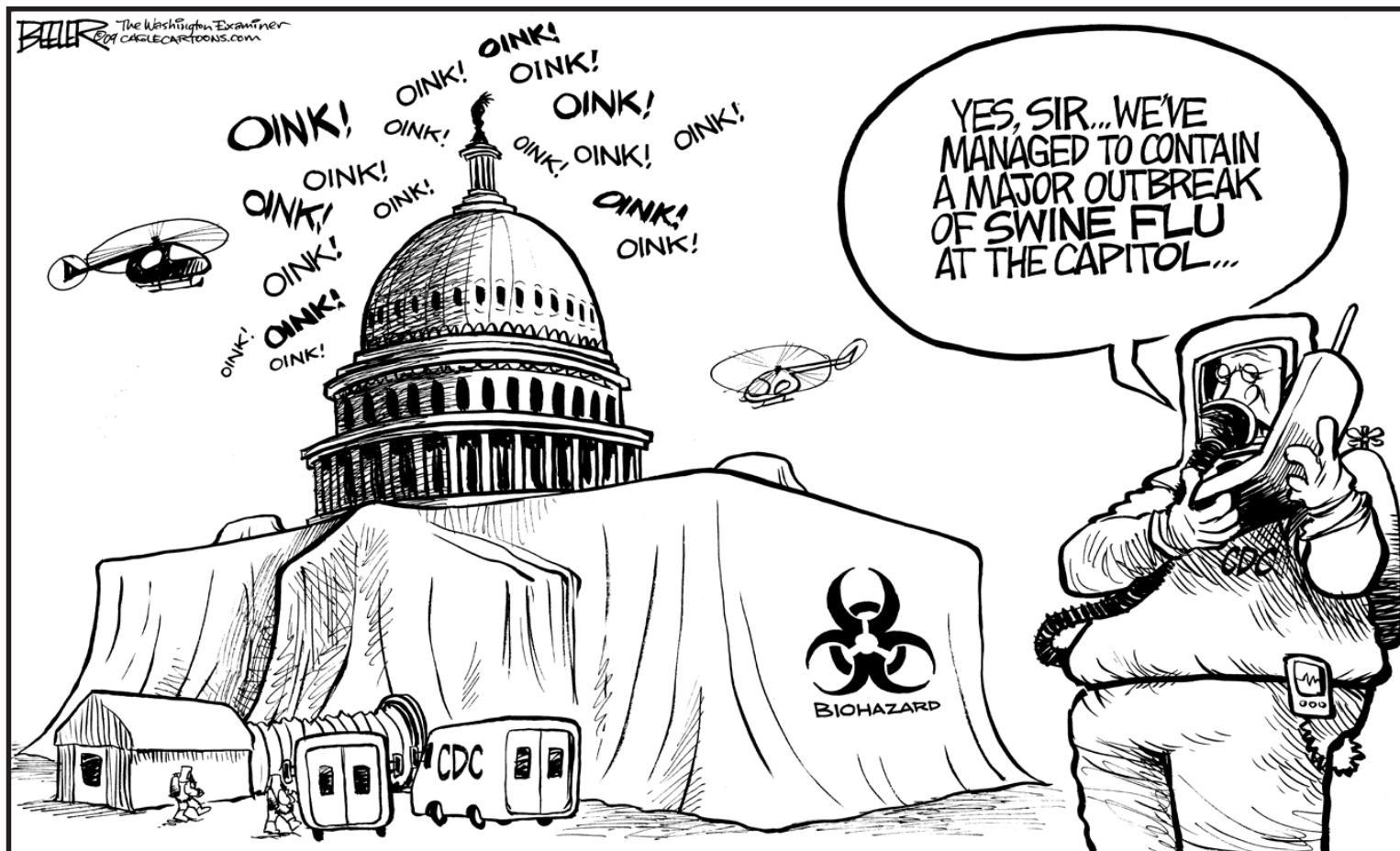
Linda Perez

Junior education major



--Compiled by Valeria A. Sosa

--Photos by Diego Lerma



From freshman confusion to senior awareness

By Linet Cisneros
Collegian Editor



My time at *The Collegian* has been short-lived, but my time spent at this university has felt like a lifetime. A lifetime of friends, assignments, tests, deadlines and memories that will never be forgotten. As my graduation nears and the finish line is clear in sight, I can only think of all the things that have made me into the person that I am today. Starting out at UTB/TSC, I never would have guessed that by my senior year I would be the editor of the student newspaper. I started out as a freshman,

confused and wondering where I fit in this new world of majors, minors and classes.

It was not until I took one of my first communication courses that I knew I had found where I belonged. The communication program has introduced me to many different aspects of the media that I have fallen in love with. I grew to appreciate the art of journalism, the effectiveness of proper communication, and how to be a better leader. I credit this to my professors and thank them for inspiring me to strive for much more in my education.

This university gave me so much more than an education. It gave me true life experiences. When I took my first job at the Learning Enrichment Center, the staff made me feel welcome, and the job reawakened my love for the English language. It not

only sharpened my writing skills but my public speaking skills as well. Working as a writing tutor was a rewarding experience for me.

While working at the writing lab, I used to read *The Collegian* every Monday. I never thought of how much work really went into it. The work that every staff member does to make the paper a reality every week is amazing. The team really turns into a family. One that I have grown to love and will miss. I want to thank the staff at *The Collegian* for all the hard work they do and for continuing to inform students of campus and community news.

The Collegian opened my eyes to a world of events and activities that I had never noticed before. Working for the student newspaper, I realized that there

were so many things happening on campus that students were not aware of. As editor, I have learned several things from working at *The Collegian*. I have learned how to better balance being a leader and a friend. I've learned to never give up, and I've learned that stress is a normal way of life.

To students, I challenge you to push past your limits, dream big and never give up on your goals. To current and future members of *The Collegian*, always remember to question why, be persistent and please meet your deadlines.

Finally, as I take my leave from this university, I must say goodbye to many people I have come to care for and to a university I have come to love, but I look forward to the future and the journey that lies ahead.

Letters to the editor

Tea Party

I am addressing this to the mainly erroneous Tea Party and secessionist adherents--though they have at least two good points.

The current federal tax code is written with favors to the rich at its core, so the Tea Party folk have a gripe there--not that I heard much of it April 15. They were simply too angry about taxes, not the tax laws, big-business breaks and corporate-bank bailouts.

A Tea Party that called for higher tax rates for the rich and taxes for useful reasons--

health, education and sustainable energy-based work, instead of the Defense Department and superhighways--would be an event worth attending.

As for secession--get real. This is the United States. Now, if the secessionists wanted to discuss regional cooperation within blocks of states with a focus on energy, transportation

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Letters To the Editor

Letters must include the name, classification and phone number of the author or the letter cannot be published. Opinions expressed in *The Collegian* are those of writers and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Collegian* or UTB/TSC administrators. The editor reserves the right to edit the letters. Letters for *The Collegian* can be sent to collegian@utb.edu.



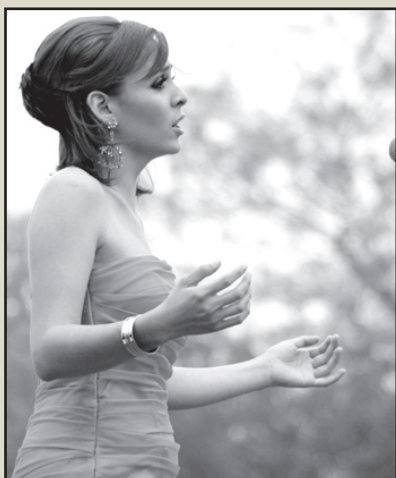
ELIZABETH A. PEREZ/COLLEGIAN PHOTOS

Terry Tomlin, director of jazz studies at UTB/TSC, performs a saxophone solo during the One o'clock Jazz Band set.

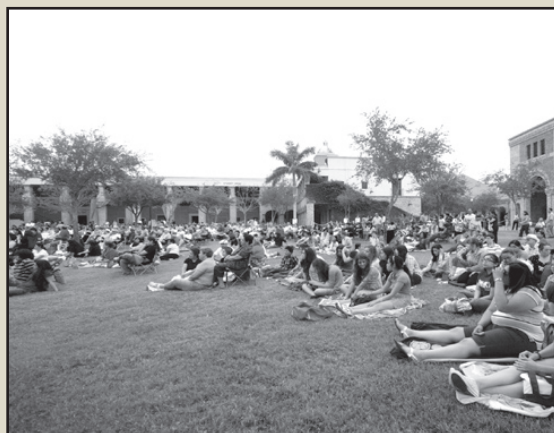
Saturday in the Park



Allen Clark, director of bands for UTB/TSC, conducts the Rio Bravo Wind Symphony.

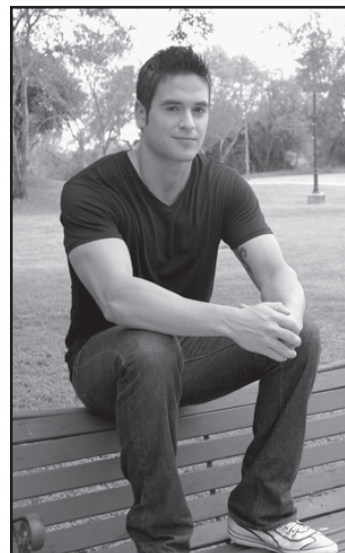


Freshman music major Jessica Lustenburg gave a surprise performance during the interlude.



An audience of about 900 people attended the 11th annual Symphony in the Park and All That Jazz concert on April 25. The event, held on the Student Union lawn, honored the supporters of the Brownsville Literacy Center's "Be a Hero for Literacy" annual fund campaign and raised \$45,000 for the campaign, according to Victor Rivera, executive director of the center.

CUPID'S corner



DIEGO LERMA/COLLEGIAN

Name: Kevin Cantú

Age: 20

Classification: Junior

Major: Kinesiology

Zodiac sign: Leo

What is your favorite food? "Grilled chicken."

What is the first thing you notice about a person you're attracted to? "Her attitude."

What is your ideal girl? "She has to be a brunette, outgoing, funny and knows how to have fun."

Who is your unrequited love? "Sofia Vergara."

How do you approach women? "Make eye contact, try to be smooth and funny at the same time."

Have you ever cheated on your partner? "Yes, a very long time ago."

What has been the craziest thing you've done or they have done for you? "Sneaking into her house."

What's the first thing you think about in the morning when you wake up? "Want to go to sleep."

What will you name your daughter or son: "Brooklyn, for a boy, and Sofia or Priscilla for a girl."

Something that you always wear and never take off: "Chain with a ring."

Word you use the most: "Wow."

What are you scared of? "Losing people who are close to me and cockroaches."

How long do you typically take to dress? "Twenty to 30 minutes."

What are your hobbies? "Hang out with friends and my family, playing sports and going to the gym."

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? "Hopefully, out of the state of Texas or out of the Valley."

Do you like short or long hair? "Long."

What country would you like to visit? "Australia."

Best place to go on a date? "Scampi's at South Padre Island."

Who was the last person to kiss you? "My mom."

Would you go on a blind date? **Why?** "No, because I am very picky."

Free Association Quiz:

UTB/TSC: "Easy"

Girls: "Gorgeous"

Night life: "Sucks in Brownsville"

Sports: "Baseball"

Gambling: "Fun"

--Compiled by Paola Ibarra

Viewpoint

Letters

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and agriculture, that could spark some constructive decentralization within the United States. Nothing of this [on] the 15th.

A complex community, state, nation and world we inhabit, and there are answers to the difficulties within the complexity--but a tax-less and state-vs.-state United States are not two of the solutions.

And a word about President Barack Obama's first 100 days: I will give him a B, and that would have been an A minus but for some of his bank-friendly advisers and unimaginative policy higher-ups when it comes to war and peace in Iraq, Israel-Palestine, Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Here he is, Obama, trying to clean up at least 60 or more years of domestic and foreign policy neglect, and he is forced to use but one hand on the mop, thanks to Congress.

Tea Party hate and secessionist fairy tales--even if well-intended from the understandably frustrated--will only add to Obama's problems, and weaken his grip on the mop.

Will the United States emerge as a model for a cooperative world, or will it circle the wagons and fall back a century or more with disastrous consequences for itself and those far and near its borders?

Eugene "Gene" Novogrodsky
Brownsville

Signing off

Six years, six years jogging up that same Student Union staircase. Six years and I'm still finding new, gorgeous places to read on campus. Six years and I still need to check out the amphitheater. It took a full day for me to realize I am going to graduate. I cried.

Sadness. Happiness. Accomplishment. Reminiscent. Amazement. Success. Growth.

As I walk down the Paseo, I see wisps of memories across campus: sneaking mochas into the library for Finals Week, performing with the INTENSITY Hip-Hop Club, chalking up sidewalks for events, picking flowers from my favorite tree, teaching my first class as a teaching assistant, living at the dorms, kayaking on the *resaca*, evading Campus Police while putting up Earth Day signs at midnight, napping on sofas in the Student Union, campaigning for the bond [issue], sitting on the [Board Bond Advisory] Committee and watching buildings go up, dancing at Bougainvillea, painting our faces for soccer games, traveling alone for the first time to a conference and discovering the cloud rainforest, *Rancho del Cielo*, with the Gorgas Science Society.

This is my advice for a successful, überfun college experience such as mine:

1. (This has got me through many trials) Listen to Dory--"Just keep swimming." List your priorities, try your best, and remain calm while you continue working toward your goals. The stress will be over soon, so you can sigh in relief then. But for now, it's go time!

2. Join a student organization and/or work on campus. My fondest memories and most rewarding have been refining my strengths and gaining friendships on campus. Besides the opportunities for personal growth within these two entities, you will discover even more opportunities: local and national conferences, worldwide travel, internships and prospective careers. There are opportunities for you. You just have to dedicate yourself to organizations that focus on your interests.

Best of luck, Scorps! Do not pass by opportunity. Make your university experience an enriched one. Get involved. Signing off, Class of 2009, Crystal Amber Olivo--Former Leadership and Mentorship Program mentor, former SGA VP of administration, former VP of Gorgas Science Society, forever a Scorpion. Sting 'em hard!

Crystal Amber Olivo
English Graduate Student

Ring Ceremony set for Friday

By Cynthia Hernandez
Staff Writer

Seventy-two students will dip their hands into a custom-made font filled with blue dye and receive their UTB/TSC graduation rings at 5 p.m. Friday in the Student Union's Gran Salon.

"[It] has been our little tradition since blue is one of our colors," said Mari Fuentes-Martin, associate vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students. "That way, it leaves your hand a little bit stained, so if someone would say, 'what happened to your hand?' you could say, 'I got a school ring.'"

UTB/TSC President Juliet V. García will give the keynote address and present each student with his or her ring.

Three students will receive special recognition during the ceremony.

"We're recognizing three students with Scorpion Leadership rings for their exceptional leadership in academics, UTB/TSC leadership and their service," Fuentes-Martin said.

Senior health and human performance major Katie Japp, English graduate student Crystal Olivo and senior criminal justice major Rosalinda Rangel will be awarded with Scorpion Leadership rings after submitting an application at the beginning of the semester.

A committee composed of one faculty member from each school and college reviews the applications.



Crystal Olivo



Rosalinda Rangel



Katie Japp

"We think it's a very objective way of someone assessing people's academic [excellence], leadership and service and selecting the candidates that they think represent UTB's best," Fuentes-Martin said.

Olivo was a mentor for the Leadership and Mentorship Program, served as former Student Government Association vice president of administration and was vice president of the Gorgas Science Society.

She sees this honor as a rewarding experience.

"It feels so wonderful," Olivo said. "I'm glad that I have an opportunity like this."

She hopes to become a sign-language interpreter or an educator for the deaf after graduation.

Katie Japp was a member of the Scorpion volleyball team, a Scorpion Ambassador, part of the newly reformed exercise science class, worked at the Campus Recreation Fitness Center and was an athletic trainer.

"I feel very flattered," Japp said. "I'm very honored to be thought of for this award."

Japp will pursue a graduate degree in physical therapy at Houlahan University's Health Science Center in Houston.

Rangel was a member of the Student Government Association, a Scorpion Ambassador, a Scorpion Scholar, a member of the Leadership and Mentorship Program and the Alpha Chi Honors Society. She was also part of the STING program, a member of the University of Texas System Student Advisory Council and worked for the UT System grading graduate-level universities.

Rangel hopes to give her leadership ring to her parents.

"I wrote in my application that if I were given the ring, it would be something I would want to give [to] my parents for supporting me all the way through," she said.

Rangel will return to UTB/TSC next fall to obtain her master's degree in public policy and management.

Blackboard

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engaging learning experiences, according to its Web site. Blackboard is an online portal that can be accessed by students, staff, faculty, prospective students and the general public for basic information. Those who have an account can access the tools and resources provided and use the portal to communicate among the UTB/TSC community.

Rene Sainz, assistant director of the Distance Education Department, said the department offers training for faculty but it is not mandatory.

Sainz said the department conducts one-on-one and online training with faculty. He also mentioned the department is going to add more tools to Blackboard, such as Wikis and blogs to have a more interactive system.

Helmut Langerbein, an assistant professor in the History Department, said he uses Blackboard in a "minimal way" but that Blackboard has positive aspects.

"You can put all this kind of information on there and you could potentially hold your classes from anywhere," Langerbein said.

Although the accessibility of

Blackboard is a plus, Langerbein remains "ambivalent" about the use of Blackboard.

they need more information on [the online] grade book and sometimes my grading system

instruction and director of the Center for Teaching and Learning, said some professors

into something that they have been doing for so long," Telese said. "Like anything else, people are reluctant to change."

Telese said his students appreciate his use of Blackboard.

"I, myself, found the value of using Blackboard because, to me, it's easy, it's convenient," he said. "What is most valuable is that feedback students want to get back from the grading center."

Sainz said UTB/TSC has access to "the most sophisticated [online] platform in the world."

"Our platforms are better than UT-Austin," Sainz said. "Not only [do] registered students have access to their courses but they also have access to a virtual hard-drive, and they can even create e-portfolios. Some faculty are using those e-portfolios for evaluation, so we have all of the tools but, obviously, the training is always something that we stress."

MICHAEL PEÑA/COLLEGIAN

"I'm kind of old-school," he said. "I think that nothing beats instruction in the classroom. Sometimes, students tell me

just doesn't lend itself to Blackboard."

James Telese, associate professor of curriculum and

might not be comfortable with trying something new.

"It's difficult for them to try and incorporate something new

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Mendez dubbed 'queen of construction'

By Julianna Sosa
Staff Writer

Veronica Mendez, assistant vice president for Planning and Construction, has been awarded a "Scorpion Scepter" in recognition of her hard work overseeing the construction and completion of several bond projects on campus.

"The scepter of the Scorpion ... is a symbol, ladies and gentlemen, a symbol of facilities knowledge, a symbol of construction authority, a symbol of transcending construction counsel sanction," said David Pearson, vice president for Partnership Affairs, during the Texas Southmost College District board of trustees meeting April 23.

Pearson said the scepter was the "symbol of sovereignty," proclaiming Mendez as the university's "very own queen of construction."

"It's been an honor," Mendez said. "These are my children, all of the projects, and there are a lot of days and nights and family time that have been devoted to them, but I am proud to be a part of it and to be able to participate and



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Texas Southmost College board of trustees Chair David Oliveira presents a Scorpion Scepter to Veronica Mendez, assistant vice president of planning and construction, during the board meeting held April 23.

to be able to make a difference to our students because this facility will only enhance their experience here."

During her construction report, Mendez said the new library and classroom buildings are nearly complete and expects to propose substantial completion of both projects during this month's board meeting.

Mendez said the first phase of construction has begun on the Science and Technology Learning Center, which will be located behind the Life and Health Sciences Building and adjacent to parking Lot R.

In other news, the board recognized Alejandro and Irma Villarreal for their donation toward the Arts Center.

"Alejandro and Irma and their four children are an active young family in our community, supporting education economic development and the fine arts," said Ruth Ann Ragland, vice president for Institutional Advancement. "The Villarreal family appreciate and collect art, and they want students at their alma mater and in their community to have the opportunities in fine arts that our new arts center will provide."

Alejandro Villarreal, president of the International Underwriters General Agency, said he and his wife are very excited to be a part of the project.

In other business, the board voted to approve:

--the naming of the Arts Center Box B the "Villarreal-Montemayor Family Box";

--a grant application from the City of Brownsville Cultural Affairs Advisory Committee for the UTB/TSC Guitar Festival and competition for the amount of \$25,000;

--Long Chilton LLP to provide financial auditor services for Fiscal Year 2009 in the amount of \$32,235;

--a quote of \$40,029.46 from the Public Utilities Board for the cost of converting from overhead to underground utilities;

--the issuance of the final limited tax bond in the amount of \$4 million;

--Winstead PC, as bond counsel, and First Southwest Co. as financial adviser to serve as consultants to the TSC District;

--the purchase of Fort Brown Villa Condominium Unit 1004, Type B, Building I, Phase I, from seller Jaime L. Silva in the amount of \$35,000;

--the purchase of Fort Brown Villa Condominium Unit 1013, Type B, Building I, Phase I, from seller Fernando Javier Galvan in the amount of \$35,500.

During the TSC District board meeting March 26, the board voted to approve:

--the purchase of Fort Brown Villa Condominium Unit 1015, Type D, Building I, Phase I, from seller Juan D. Torres in the amount of \$44,500;

--the purchase of Lot 4, Block II, Colonia Alta Vista Subdivision, from seller Eugenio Rodriguez in the amount of \$35,000.

High Court

Supreme Court backs FCC's crackdown on 'fleeting expletives'

By David G. Savage
Tribune Washington Bureau (MCT)

WASHINGTON--As more Americans receive their TV and radio from uncensored cable and satellite television programs and even via the Internet, the Supreme Court said Tuesday that traditional broadcasters can be required to offer families a "safe haven" from foul language.

In a 5-4 decision, the court upheld the government's crackdown on "fleeting expletives" and said broadcasters can face heavy fines for airing the "F-word" or the "S-word" even once during prime time.

Justice Antonin Scalia said the strict ban on profanity on TV and radio was justified because of the "coarsening of public entertainment in other media, such as cable." He also spoke of the "foul-mouthed glitteratae from Hollywood" whose use

of four-letter words on live TV shows triggered the crackdown.

The ruling is a major setback for the broadcast industry, but not a final defeat. The court did not rule on whether the strict policy against broadcast "indecent" violated the First Amendment's protection for free speech. Instead, the justices sent the case back to a federal appeals court in New York to consider that issue.

"This means another year or two of uncertainty," said Andrew Jay Schwartzman, a media lawyer in Washington who had urged the court to throw out the "fleeting expletives" rule.

For now, however, the ruling means broadcasters--large or small--could be fined as much as \$325,000 for sending out over the public airwaves a single expletive, even if it was unintended.

The Federal Communications Commission, led by Bush administration appointees, announced the new policy in 2004 in response to a wave of

complaints from the public. In December of 2002, entertainer Cher won an "Artist Achievement Award" from Billboard Music and said the award proved her critics wrong, using an expletive and adding: "I still have a job, and they don't." The live broadcast on Fox TV was seen and heard by about 2.5 million minors, Scalia said.

On NBC's broadcast of the Golden Globe Awards, rock singer Bono exulted that his award was "really, really f--ing brilliant." Nicole Richie managed to use both the "F-word" and the "S-word" in a two-sentence exchange on another Fox program.

Federal law has long prohibited the broadcast of "any indecent" language, and the FCC decided it would deem any use of the "F-word" or the "S-word" to be indecent, even if used as an adjective as in Bono's comment or in other varied forms.

Congress also raised the stakes. It voted in 2006 to increase by

10 times the fines for indecent broadcasts.

Not long after these changes, the FCC imposed a \$550,000 fine on CBS TV for its broadcast of the Super Bowl half-time show where Janet Jackson's breast was briefly exposed.

Fox TV and the other major broadcasters sued to block the FCC from enforcing its strict new policy. They argued the change was not justified, and it was unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court had ruled only once before on broadcast indecency. In 1978, the justices upheld a fine against a California radio station for airing George Carlin's "Seven Dirty Words" monologue in mid-afternoon.

But it was unclear whether a single use of expletive could be deemed indecent.

The U.S. appeals court in New York ruled that FCC's switch in policy was unjustified and unwarranted.

But the Supreme Court reversed that ruling and upheld

the policy in FCC vs. Fox TV.

Scalia said the FCC "could reasonably conclude that the pervasiveness of foul language and the coarsening of public entertainment in other media ... could justify more stringent regulation of broadcast programs." He added that "technological advances have made it easier to bleep out offending words."

Chief Justice John Roberts Jr. and Justices Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito Jr. joined with Scalia. But the relatively narrow ruling may have papered over a deeper split among the court's conservatives over the constitutionality of regulating broadcasters.

For his part, Scalia said he did not see a problem.

"Any chilled references to excretory or sexual material surely lie at the periphery of First Amendment concern," he

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Writing lab ‘prefers’ appointments

By **Cynthia Hernandez**
Staff Writer

The writing lab in Cardenas Hall North is encouraging students to make appointments with writing tutors; however, they continue to take walk-ins.

“I don’t want students to think we’re refusing to see them,” said English and Communication Assistant Professor Teresa Murden. “In the past, students would come in without an appointment and [during] this time in the semester, I can tell you that if we didn’t have appointments, students would be sitting there, waiting for hours to see a tutor.”

The transition to appointments took place at the beginning of the semester.

“We initiated [it] in January, when the students came back for the Spring 2009 semester,” said Margaret Annen, a learning and instructional specialist-writing.

Learning Enrichment Assistant Director Daniel Perez

explained a couple of the reasons appointments are “preferred.”

“It’s to improve the quality of service,” Perez said. “It’s to guarantee that when the students walk in, they know they’re going to have someone available for them.”

Another reason is to guarantee students will see a specific tutor, if they wish to.

“If they have a preferred tutor, then they can go ahead and make an appointment for that,” Annen said.

Murden said the change was also because of the limited number of staff members. There are nine tutors and one instructional specialist in the writing lab.

“If we had more tutors, we could accommodate more students,” Murden said, “we could accommodate more walk-ins.”

The number of staff members will not increase for this coming fall.

“We’re looking at a situation

in the fall where we’re not going to have any more tutors than we have right now,” Murden said.

The writing lab had a total of 3,400 students attend during the Fall 2008 semester and serves between 40 and 70 students per day.

Writing labs at other universities tend to have more staff, including a specific tutor to accommodate walk-ins, Murden said.

“We are trying to guarantee that students get seen by tutors and it is really the best practices in writing centers across the United States,” Perez said.

Students are still able to enter the lab and have access to the computers without an appointment. The appointments are only recommended for seeing a tutor.

“People are welcomed to come in and study and work on their papers on the computer,” Murden said. “They’re always welcome to.”

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commented.

But Thomas added a concurring opinion that voiced concern about the “deep intrusion in the First Amendment rights of broadcasters” and cited the “Fairness Doctrine.” Since President Barack Obama’s election, Republicans in Congress and conservative broadcasters have voiced the alarm that the 1960s era “fairness doctrine” could be revived. This rule required broadcasters to give equal time to opposing political views. Obama said he had no interest in reviving this rule.

Justice Kennedy also said he was reserving judgment on whether the FCC’s policy is constitutional.

Obama’s appointees to the FCC could switch directions again, but lawyers who follow the commission say that it is unlikely, at least for some time.

The FCC’s acting chairman Michael Copps, a Democrat, lauded Tuesday’s ruling as “a big win for families.” Sen. Jay

Rockefeller (D-W.Va.) who chairs the panel that oversees the FCC, also applauded the decision.

“We must be doing more, not less, to give the FCC and parents all across America the resources they need to protect their children from indecent programming,” he said.

The four dissenters at the high court said the FCC had not justified its zero-tolerance policy for expletives.

Justice John Paul Stevens also questioned the notion that these routine expletives refer to sex or excrement.

“As any golfer who has watched his partner shank a short approach knows, it would be absurd to [say] the resultant four-letter word ... describes sex or excrement and is therefore indecent,” he wrote.

He also found it “ironic” that the FCC patrols the airwaves for these words while TV viewers are constantly asked “whether they too are battling erectile dysfunction or having trouble going to the bathroom.”

Warning signs of domestic violence

By **Linnet Cisneros**
Collegian Editor

Domestic violence is something that occurs every day, yet is sometimes overlooked.

Eighty-five percent to 95 percent of all domestic violence victims are female, and nearly 5.3 million women are abused each year, according to the American Institute of Domestic Violence Web site.

Domestic violence is one of the leading causes of women’s injuries, and women are usually abused by an intimate partner.

A member of the campus community shared some tips to help women recognize whether their partner may be abusive later in the relationship.

--Listen to the warning signs: extreme jealousy, having to justify your feelings and actions and any violent behavior, such as throwing a glass or any other object.

“Any person that exudes any kind of violence will always do it again and it will always escalate,” she said.

Two more common signs are if the person has hit a previous partner or when a woman tells her partner that she has been

abused before and his response is, “What did *you* do to him?”

“That is a sign,” she said. “That is a typical sign. In other words, in their mind, they think that you did something to deserve it.

“Those are the telling signs that we don’t realize. It doesn’t matter how bad a woman behaves, there is no excuse for violence.”

She shared a personal experience that she went through.

“I had to put a restraining order because we were living together,” she said. “What saved me is I filed a police report and I didn’t press charges. I should have pressed charges at that point. Later on with the grand jury, when they decided that he should go to court, what saved me was that I had taken a picture. I don’t know why I didn’t do anything. I think it was because I was afraid.”

Women should not be afraid to seek help, she said. She believes that one thing that will help overcome abuse is for more women to be educated on the matter and to get an education in general, as well as becoming financially independent.

“The Friendship of Women

is a great organization to go to if you need help dealing with abuse,” she said.

They provide several services for women.

“We provide legal assistance,” said Esmeralda Botello, who works in data entry and is an advocate for the agency. “We have a shelter in case of emergencies. ... We do provide counseling. We also have community education personnel that talk about topics such as harassment, domestic violence, teen-dating violence and the services that the agency provides. We also provide emergency medical care or transportation, house management, information and referrals.”

For more information on domestic abuse, visit the American Institute of Domestic Violence Web site at <http://www.aidv-usa.com/index.htm>, or Friendship of Women Inc. any day of the year at any time of the day. Appointments can be made through the hotline number, 544-7412.

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Border fence dispute



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Graciela Salazar (left) interviews Eloisa Tamez along the portion of the border fence recently erected by Homeland Security on her property in El Calaboz. Tamez, who is the program director for UTB/TSC’s master of science in nursing, is asking Homeland Security for a private gate to access the portion of her land that lies south of the border fence. The matter is pending in U.S. District Court.

Six get research internships at UTSA

By David Boon
Staff Writer

This summer, six UTB/TSC students will spend 10 weeks on the campus of the University of Texas at San Antonio assisting with graduate research.

The three undergraduate and three master's students will be part of a cross-disciplinary program sponsored by UTSA that offers a total of 15 students from across the UT System the chance to get hands-on research experience that otherwise wouldn't be possible.

The program is a result of ongoing work to establish collaborative graduate programs between UTSA and others.

"Our goal is to create as many collaborative [programs] between UT-Brownsville and UT-San Antonio that make sense," said Charles Lackey, dean of Graduate Studies at UTB/TSC. "As part of this initiative, the dean of graduate studies at UT-San Antonio was able to find some money that would provide a head start on the effort for students, the idea being that some of our students, who might conceivably go to UT-San Antonio for graduate study, would come up there for



Charles Lackey

one summer, work there under a graduate faculty member in a program area and receive a stipend."

For the 10-week program, the students have the option of not only staying at the UTSA dormitories for free, but will also receive a \$3,000 stipend and will receive a one-time \$5,000 scholarship if they choose to do their graduate studies at UTSA. In addition, the students also can take a free Graduate Record Examination preparation class, provided they take their GRE before the end of the program.

A total of 20 applicants

submitted an application form, a transcript and a letter of intent on research interests.

Of the six students selected, two will assist in the field of psychology, and one each in English, computer science, physics and engineering. The six students are Cesar Garcia, Martin Beroiz, Froylan Trejo, Jenny Ashley, Tonantzin Vasquez and Dianeth Rodriguez.

Some of the students, such as Garcia, have previous research experience, making them qualified research interns.

For his senior design project,

Garcia, who will graduate this month with an engineering degree, replicated and expanded upon the results of a 2005 research paper, chiefly written by a Duke University professor. Garcia, however, will assist a professor in an unfamiliar field within engineering.

"I've never seen this material; it's brand new for me," he said. "They basically said, 'Read this before you get here.' ... I'm not too sure if my experience in the applied electromagnetic field is going to benefit me, only that I've learned the basics

of researching, which is most essential because most people don't learn that until later in their graduate studies."

Others may not have research experience, but have shown their capabilities through their undergraduate studies.

Rodriguez, a junior psychology major in only her second year of college, hopes to gain valuable research experience through the program that she would not be able to at UTB/TSC.

"I'm extremely excited," Rodriguez said. "I was contacted by my mentor, Dr. Michelle Little, and her lab focuses on gender differences on aggression and relational precursors, on substance abuse and anti-social behaviors, so I'm very excited to be working with her."

Regardless of their background, Lackey sees the interns-to-be as excellent examples of UTB/TSC that will promote the university in a positive way.

"Every interface that we have between UT-Brownsville and UT-San Antonio is a positive," he said. "If these students represent our university well, then we're going to find that there's going to be more interest for UT-San Antonio in recruiting our students."



Boys Scouts of America seeks graduates

By Leslie Olivares
Staff Writer

The Boy Scouts of America Rio Grande Council is looking for individuals who are achievers and interested in the areas of marketing, public relations and other professional careers within the organization.

"Right now, the Boy Scouts is in search of executives to fill entry-level positions throughout the United States," said District Director Ernie Gonzalez Jr. "Just last week we formed a partnership with the university to look for qualified candidates. ... We are looking for quality individuals that would like an experience to travel, an experience where they can start out as an entry-level district

executive."

Gonzalez said he met with Juan Andres Rodriguez, program director for Career Services, to discuss recruitment possibilities on campus.

"This is something that we offer to all

employers,"

Rodriguez said. "The Boy Scouts of America are really [interested in] joining forces with UTB/TSC in recruiting talent."

The organization offers a

competitive salary starting at \$37,700 with full benefits.

The Boy Scouts of America began in 1910 and will mark its centennial with emphasis on promoting leaders of

tomorrow.

It has served more than 144 million children throughout the country.

The organization seeks diversity.

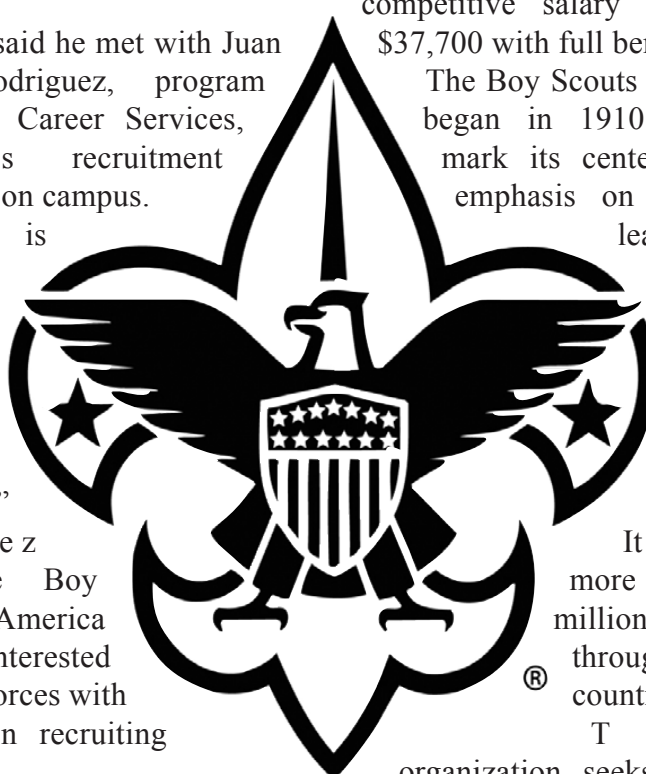
To do so, it began a division

called Hispanic Initiative.

"One of the goals is to recruit and retain quality Latino district executives and also promote the advancement of current Latino executives that are in the organization," Gonzalez said.

Another goal in the initiative, he said, is to increase youth membership within the Hispanic community.

The organization also has opportunities for women interested in a career with the Boy Scouts. Of the 3,500 professionals within the organization, only about 150 are female, so the organization is looking for women who are eager to start a career with the BSA. For more information, contact the BSA Rio Grande Council at (956)-423-0250.



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Students place in poetry, art contests

Paola Ibarra
Staff Writer

Three UTB/TSC students have won prizes in the National Career Development Association's Career Poetry/Poster contest.

Isuit Lopez, a junior art education major, won first place for her poster titled "Taking the Lead" in the traditional poster category in the 2008 National Career Development Association contest celebrating career

the suggestion of a friend. After graduation, she plans to be an art education teacher.

"I'm proud of it, it's nice," Lopez replied when asked what it meant to receive recognition for her work.

Blanchard said she entered the contest because, "I've always been intrigued by contests. ... I believe in being positive and always trying to show the adventure to the others."

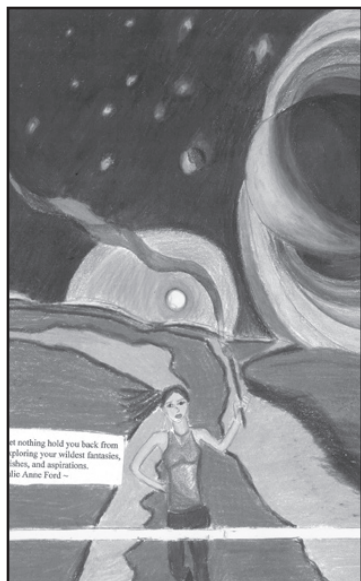
"It makes me very excited to be

it makes me feel more confident on what I'm doing. I think it's an incentive."

Hernandez has won other awards before.

"I have won many essay and short stories contests," she said. "I am writing a book right now, so I'm really into literature."

Asked what she will do after graduation, Hernandez replied, "I'm thinking about traveling a lot ... and I would like to keep reading and keep creating art,



Isuit Lopez's "Taking the Lead"

exploration; Lydia Blanchard, a junior art education major, won second place in the same category for "Inspire Your Career, Develop Your Dream"; and Mariana Hernandez, a freshman English major, won second place in the adult student poetry division of the contest for her poem, "Keep Rowing."

The students advanced to the national competition after competing in a contest sponsored by the Career Counseling Office and the Student Success Center.

Lopez entered the contest at

Keep Rowing

*Your arms are heavy,
They feel like ice, but burn like flames.
The callousity of your cold hands distract you,
But keep rowing, dear child.*

*I hope you still remember that cloudy morning,
When you decided without stutter that you would,
That you were capable of this route,
That you'd follow the dreams that your soul built.*

*You fought the wind and piranhas,
You resisted the heavy hailstones over your back,
Yet, my dear child, you have been thinking
About giving up, about going back.*

*What would your old self think about this decision?
What would be your future self's reactions?
Darling, you had a vision
Don't abandon the ship of your aspirations.*

*Keep rowing, dear child
Do not leave the boat that the wind couldn't obstruct
Do you see that miniature in the distance?
It's land, my dear, and it's yours.*

By Mariana Hernandez UTB/TSC

Mariana Hernandez's "Keep Rowing"

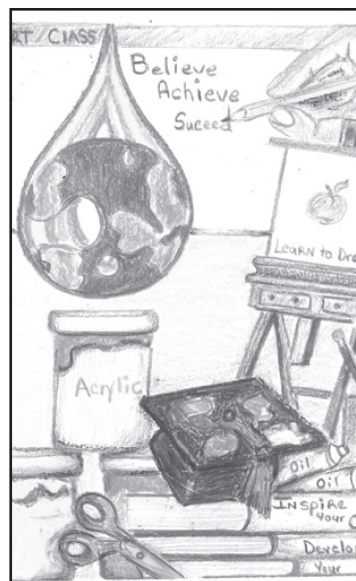
recognized not only in district, but nationally," she said. "I'm very proud of myself for taking the initiative."

After graduation, Blanchard said she also wants to teach art.

Hernandez entered the contest because she was encouraged by her counselor, Frank Coulson.

"Come on you can do it, you can do it," she quoted Coulson as saying. "And I didn't believe that I could."

Asked about her reaction to the recognition she received, Hernandez replied, "I think that



Lydia Blanchard's "Inspire Your Career, Develop Your Dream"

keep learning."

Coulson, a career counselor with the Student Success Center, said the National Career Development Association sponsors the contest to help build career awareness in students, from kindergarteners all the way to adults, "to help them to be creative and think."

The students won gift cards, a certificate and will have their work displayed on the NCDA Web site, http://associationdatabase.com/awards/NCDA/pt/sp/ncdmonth_2009_winners.

Castro still wants SGA election to be nullified

By Christine Cavazos
Staff Writer

Erasmo Castro is asking that the recent Student Government Association election be nullified.

Castro, who lost the presidency to Ruby De La Fuente, claims the election was not legitimate because Dual Enrollment students' votes were excluded from the count.

In the election, held April 20-22, De la Fuente received 463 votes, unseating Castro, who received 297 votes. The other presidential candidate, Diego Garcia, garnered 66 votes.

Castro said that during the Bougainvillea election and the referendum on the SGA constitutional amendment, also held last month, "over 16,000" students were eligible to take part and vote via their Blackboard accounts.

He claims, however, that only 12,763 students were allowed to vote during the SGA elections.

"Something is very screwed with the numbers," Castro said.

Vice President for Student Development Vince Solis said there are only 12,763 students enrolled in the university. That

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Leadership Banquet



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Estela Martinez, secretary of the Civic Engagement Scholars, (right) receives the Student Leader of the Year award from Associate Vice President and Dean of Students Mari Fuentes-Martin.

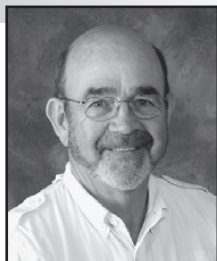


The Catholic Campus Ministry is presented with the Student Organization of the Year award by Fuentes-Martin (second from left). Receiving the award are (from left) president Misael Madrigal, adviser Hilda Ledezma, member Zamira Cavazos, member Lupita Capistran and committee member Pedro Escalera.

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Upward Bound student gets MIT internship

By Cynthia Hernandez
Staff Writer

Harlingen High School junior Felipe Garza never imagined he would spend the summer in Massachusetts.

Garza, 17, is one of 80 applicants from across the nation who have been accepted to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for a six-week summer internship as part of the Minority Introduction to Engineering and Science program. He will be taking physics, calculus, chemistry and engineering courses, which he hopes will better his chances at attending MIT after graduation.

"These classes aren't for credit, but the professors evaluate each student and they call it a qualitative evaluation," said Garza, who is a participant in UTB/TSC's Upward Bound Math and Science Program. "You can put the evaluation in applications to colleges, so it looks good."

A total of 1,000 students applied for the internship.

Garza received the internship after submitting three essays, three letters of recommendation



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Felipe Garza

and submitting his PSAT and SAT scores. "The topics were a challenge that you overcame," he said. "Another one had to do with what my favorite extracurricular activity was and another one had to do with how my ethnicity played a factor in my educational aspiration."

After two and a half months of waiting for a reply from MIT, Garza received a letter of acceptance in the mail on April 13.

He was hesitant about submitting his application, however.

"At first I wasn't really sure [I'd get accepted] because there's always someone out there better," Garza said. "I almost wasn't going to apply because I was thinking [of] the time I was going to spend on the application [and] I might not even get it."

Michael Arratia has been

Garza's Upward Bound Math and Science adviser for a semester and had registered Garza for summer courses at UTB/TSC.

"He gave me a call the day after I signed him up [and said] that he had just gotten a letter from MIT [and] had been accepted for an internship," Arratia said.

The adviser said he is very proud of Garza's accomplishment.

"I feel very proud and I'm very happy for him," Arratia said during a telephone interview. "I don't know too many high school students that get to go to an internship like that, especially at MIT."

Garza will travel to Massachusetts on June 19 and will return on Aug. 1. MIT will provide room and board.

"The only thing I have to pay for is the transportation to and from the location," he said. "My dad's going to fly me up for the first flight to make sure everything's OK and then I'll be coming back by myself."

Arratia said Garza's personality is very distinct.

"When he's in a group he's

very quiet, he's very shy," he said. "When he talks to me, he kind of opens up a little bit more when we talk one on one."

Garza is ranked No. 3 in his class and has a grade-point average of 4.74. He is hoping to become a computer software engineer and hopes to gain much experience from the internship.

"It's supposed to be pretty rigorous work that they're going to assign us and I want to see how far I can get with homework," he said. "I hope to learn how to work in groups with other people that are very intelligent and learn how to build really good teamwork [skills]."

Asked where he sees Garza in 10 years, Arratia replied, "I probably see him as a computer software engineer, probably working for Intel or any other computer firm. I see him as a very successful person."

Garza said his parents are proud of his accomplishments.

"My dad just tells me, 'Hard work pays off. Stay focused and good things will continue to happen,'" he said.

SGA

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number includes the Dual Enrollment population, which are high school students who take college-level courses at their respective schools. Solis said that all were allowed to vote.

In an e-mail sent to Castro on Thursday, Solis explains that the database for the Bougainvillea election was that of Blackboard and was much bigger than the database used for the SGA election.

He also explained that thousands of students who are not enrolled for classes are still on the Blackboard database, which they can access to check classes, hence the 16,000 students for Bougainvillea elections.

"This is very inappropriate," Castro wrote in an e-mail to Solis, demanding that the SGA election be nullified and an order of succession take place. That would make the vice president of public relations the new president.

Castro said he met with Interim Provost Tony Zavaleta, and David Oliveira, chairman of the Texas Southmost College board of trustees. He said they agreed to look into the matter.

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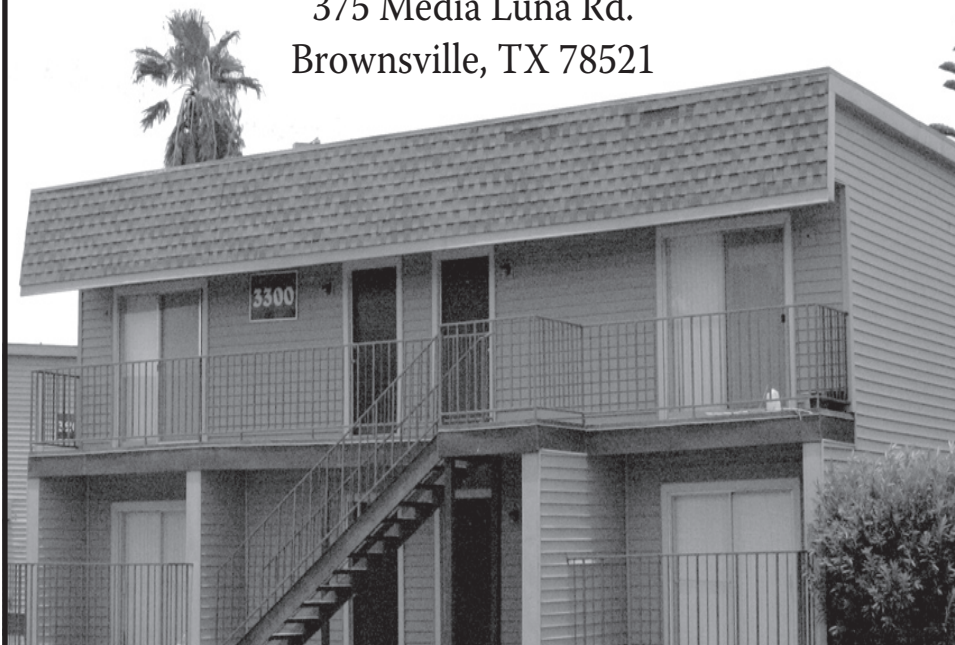
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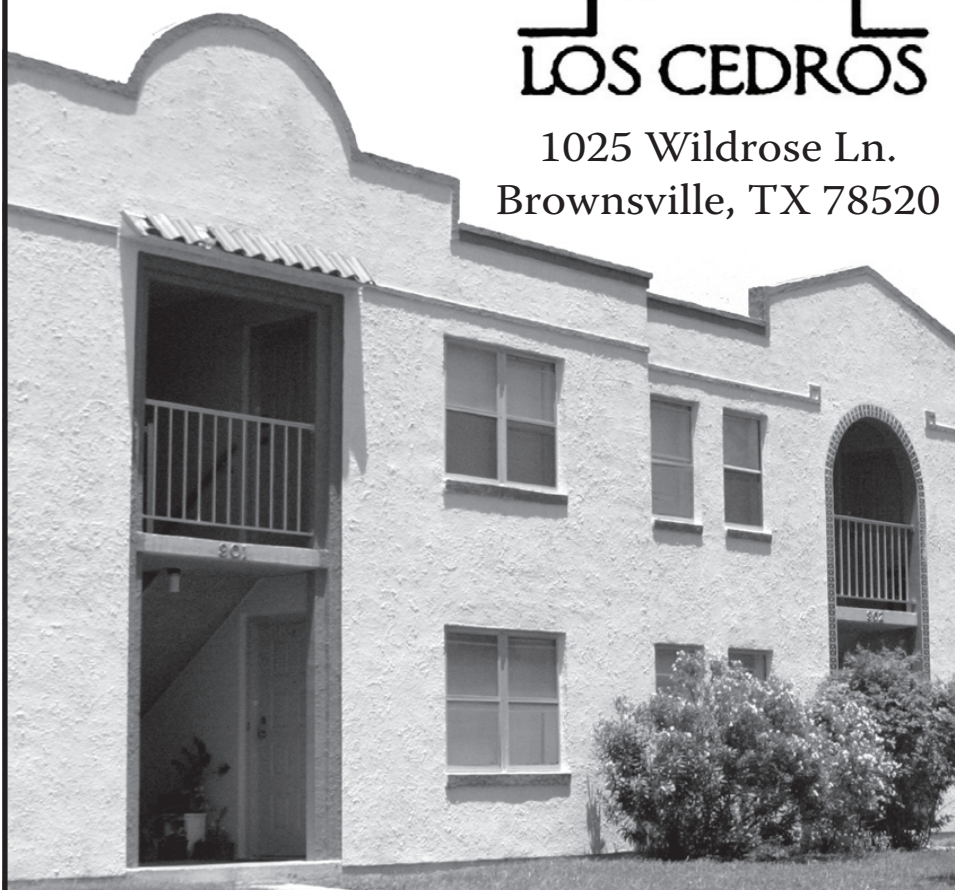
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Preparing for finals

**By Herminia Noriega
and David Gonzalez**
Academic Advisers

Don't think of finals as "the dreaded finals;" simply look at them as one more speed bump to get over on your way to bigger and better things.

One exam-taking technique mentioned by students, tutors and mentors is getting yourself into the right state of mind. If you do the following suggestions, then you can walk into the classroom or sit behind the computer confident, assured that you will do well.

Before the exam

- Review your notes, exam review (if one is given) and course books.
- Find a quiet and comfortable place to study. Avoid lying down, as you might fall asleep.
- During the study session, take short breaks and listen to soft, relaxing music. You might also want to exercise.
- Sleep well the night before and set your alarm clock.
- Depending on the time of the exam, have a light meal beforehand.

During the exam

- Read exam instructions slowly and carefully. Ask the instructor if the directions are not clear.
- If you begin to get stressed before or during the exam, take deep breaths.
- Do not be concerned with others finishing early; it's your test, not theirs.

Finals are important, however, some are of equal importance to any exam you have taken this semester, based on your course syllabus. Seek reference guides at a public library, as well as here on campus.

Students need to be aware of the

Satisfactory Academic Progress policy to ensure that they are in good academic standing. Grades can be viewed via your Scorpion Online account. Good academic standing means that one has a GPA of at least 2.0.

The SAP policy also requires students to successfully complete at least 70 percent of the semester credit hours attempted. This is calculated by evaluating the ratio of cumulative hours attempted vs. hours earned. Attempted hours are those credits for which a student is registered on the official record date of each term. Earned hours are those credits for which a student receives a passing grade.

Research has shown that college graduates earn up to 70 percent more than individuals with just a high school education. Many students have a strong understanding of how important it is to earn the best possible grades to ensure a brighter future. How important are your college grades? Are those long study sessions, extensive hours at the library and all-night study sessions truly worth it?

Keeping your grade-point average (GPA) high has many benefits. Good grades are an important factor when you apply for scholarships, internships, honor societies and for transfer to other universities. They also will be an important factor if you decide to pursue graduate school.

If you feel overwhelmed or simply in need of additional assistance before and/or during finals week, contact the Student Success Center. The staff will refer you to the Learning Enrichment Center, located in Cardenas Hall North, for assistance and/or one of their extended student support areas. Various departments also offer tutoring to their respective students. You are paying for these services; make use of them.

Good luck on finals. However, if you are prepared, luck is not an issue, except maybe with finding a parking space.

If you have any questions, contact the Academic Advising office at 882-7362, or by e-mail at academicadvising@utb.edu.

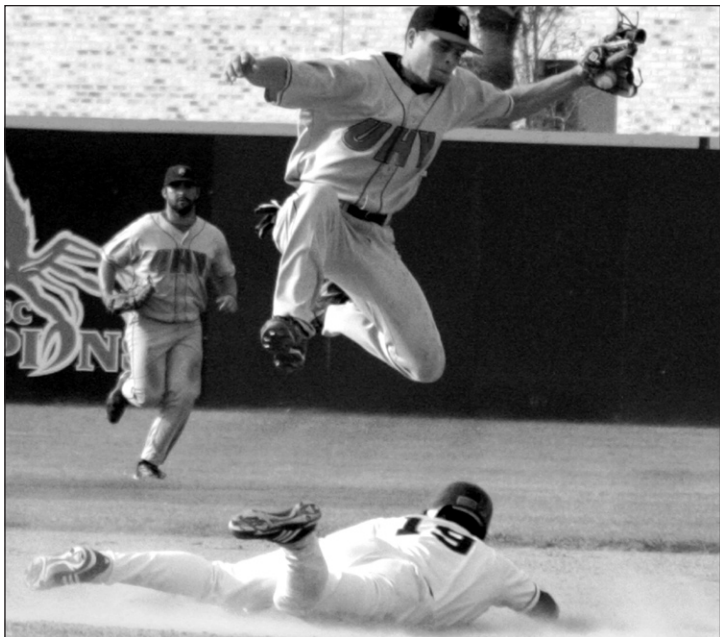
The big dig



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Alfonso Ariano from Spawglass Construction digs into the site of the new \$33.8 million UTB/TSC Science and Technology Learning Center, just southeast of the Life & Health Sciences Building, on Thursday.

Scorpions in the playoffs!



ELIZABETH A. PEREZ/COLLEGIAN

The University of Houston-Victoria's John McDonald leaps to catch the ball as Scorpion Tyler O'Neal slides into second base during a game April 26.

GP Athletics



ELIZABETH A. PEREZ/COLLEGIAN

Seniors Katie Japp (left) and Scott Price pose with UTB/TSC President Juliet V. García after being honored as Academic Athletes of the Year on April 23 during the Athletics Banquet.

Going for the submission



ELIZABETH A. PEREZ/COLLEGIAN

Ricardo Alvear tries to escape the grip of Jacob Soto, a South Texas College student who is the featherweight and flyweight division winner, during the second annual College Grappling Tournament. The Scorpion Mixed Martial Arts Club sponsored the tournament, held April 26 in the Manuel B. Garza Gym.

By Hugo E. Rodriguez
Sports Editor

With a 9-3 record, the little baseball team that could is walking in through the front door of the postseason.

The fourth-seeded Scorpions (26-29 overall, 9-3 RRAC) defeated the third-seeded Bacone College Warriors (28-15 overall, 10-5 RRAC) 8-6 in the opening round of the Red River Athletic Conference tournament Friday at Northwood University Field in Cedar Hill.

The game was a close one, with the Scorpions trailing 5-2 at the bottom of fifth. But the Scorpions caught up to the Warriors, then managed to rally at the top of seventh and turned the tables on the Warriors, bringing up the score to 6-5. This paved the way for the Scorpions' 8-6 victory, according to a news release from the Office of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Coincidentally, both Scorpion Head Coach Bryan Aughney and Bacone College Head Coach Dino Rosato are in their first year as head coaches and both were also previously assistant coaches at their institutions prior to taking on the head coaching role.

On Saturday, the Scorpions went on to face the winner of the game between Texas Wesleyan University (36-18 overall, 11-4 RRAC) and Texas College (15-35 overall, 7-5 RRAC).

Results were not available at press time.

Having the RRAC's south division title under his belt, Aughney now

has his sights set on capturing the conference championship.

"Our goal is to go up there and win this thing, that's what we've talked about from Day 1, winning the south," said Aughney. "We accomplished that goal, and our next goal is to win the tournament."

The Scorpions are seeking to end a five-game losing streak in the conference tournament. Assistant Coach Joe Carnahan said that despite the lull, the Scorpions are ready.

"We've got some guys that can step up and perform in big situations and we're looking for these guys to step up and make a run in the conference tournament," Carnahan said.

Right fielder Jacob Yousif also said the team is ready for the tournament.

"I think we're pretty ready," the senior said. "These last couple of games, we've got some of the creaks out, but we're going to be practicing hard this week, like we did last week, practice hard and we should be looking good."

The Scorpions clinched the south division title for the first time since joining the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in 2006. In 2007, the Scorpions finished 6-9 in conference. In 2008, they just barely earned the sixth seed in the conference tournament by finishing 7-5 in conference. It was only the third time in more than 30 years of baseball that the Scorpions reached the postseason.

Aughney said that getting the players to believe in themselves

played a key role in turning the team around.

"Just getting these guys to believe in themselves, to understand the fact that if you just allow yourself to play, good things are going to happen, if you just allow yourself that opportunity to succeed," he said. "And playing to win, I think we've played to win a little bit more as opposed to playing not to fail, or not to lose."

In their last home games of the season on April 25, the Scorpions dropped a doubleheader against the University of Houston-Victoria Jaguars (30-14).

Though having the advantage in the first game, the Scorpions were edged out 7-6 in Game 1.

From the very beginning, the second game went for the Jaguars.

At the top of first, the Victoria team silenced the crowd of about 60 with a three-run homer off to right field by right fielder David Baker.

The Scorpions only managed to score a single run.

In the second inning, another homer by Baker, earned the Jaguars two more runs.

The Scorpions fought back and scored two runs, but could not catch up.

After a scoreless third inning, right fielder Zane Williams stunned the Scorpions with another three-run homer at the top of the fourth.

In the fourth inning, the Scorpions went scoreless but Baker added a single run to the score. At the bottom of fifth, the Scorpions experienced a small revival after a home run by Yousif. The game ended 9-4.

Season ends for men's golf

By Hugo E. Rodriguez
Sports Editor

The UTB/TSC Men's Golf season has ended after the team failed to capture a national championship berth at the Red River/Gulf Coast Athletic Conference tournament in Huntsville.

The Scorpions placed sixth out of seven teams with a score of 310, six strokes ahead of University of Mobile. Texas Wesleyan University, ranked 13 nationally, took first place in the tournament, held last Monday and Tuesday at the Raven Nest Golf Course.

"We're disappointed that we didn't get a berth, either teamwise or individually," said Head Coach Bob Lucio. "We had high expectations going in. All of a sudden, we got

dampened, the weather came in; I guess we just didn't handle it as well as some of the other teams did."

Junior Chris Milligan already is looking ahead.

"You could call it a little disappointing and frustrating because of the way we played and the conditions that we had to deal with," Milligan said, "but I can chalk it up to experience and just look forward to next year."

Lucio said a slow start on the opening round caused the team problems.

"The starting gate opened up and we just didn't come out of there firing," he said. "When you find yourself behind with such quality players from the other side and all the other teams ... they're just

so good that you can't get behind right away, you've got to stay with them."

Milligan looked back on the high points of the year.

"Watching some of the young guys grow into better players, watching their mental game get a little better,"

He looks forward to the conference tournament and qualifying for nationals next year.

"Nationals is a goal that we have first and foremost for next year," Milligan said. "That's something that we haven't done as an NAIA school, thus far ... and we have a couple of seniors. We kind of want to go out with a big positive attitude and make that one of our goals."

Taking the lead in being green

By **Leslie Olivares**
Staff Writer

Three women gave their views on what the community and world can do to change and improve our environment during the Earth Day observance April 22.

Professional Women Speak hosted guest speakers Sharon Putegnat, retired director of the Episcopal Day School and chair of the Healthy Communities of Brownsville EnvironmentalTrendbender Group; animal advocate Alma Leal, a professor in the Counseling and Guidance Program; and Mary Jane Shands, a marine biologist and director of the JASON Project.

Putegnat spoke on the importance of individuals taking the initiative to change even the smallest detail of their daily lives that could make the earth a better and cleaner place.

"It is much easier to throw junk away than to think about how it can be reused again," Putegnat said. "But I felt obligated to do



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Sharon Putegnat, retired director of the Episcopal Day School, displays an anti-littering, bilingual coloring book given to elementary school students.

something and I wanted to do something, anything in my power to change the thinking and the mindset of the students, of the teachers, of the faculty and staff."

Putegnat said it is up to the individual to make the difference, quoting Mohandas Gandhi: "You must be the change you want to see in the world."

Leal gave a presentation on her work as head of the Cat Coalition on campus.

The coalition implements a

Trap-Neuter-Return program that helps prevent overpopulation of felines on campus.

Leal began research for this program after spending time observing the cat population on campus and noticing that some of the cats would disappear after a few days. She wondered what happened to them and asked individuals who worked on campus about them.

"Well, every so often, they get trapped and taken to the shelter," she quoted them as saying. "We know very well that if these animals are strays, unsocialized and feral, they're going to be euthanized. That was bothering me a lot. I couldn't sleep, thinking that these beautiful creatures were no longer going to be ... on campus."

Leal found out from the Brownsville Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals that UT-Austin had an excellent program in place that controlled the overpopulation of cats there.

"TNR is trap, neuter, return," she said. "What we do is we trap

all the cats, which we did on the main campus, from International Boulevard all the way to about Campus Police [headquarters] and we had them examined, spayed, neutered. Some were micro-chipped and also ear-tipped."

There was some criticism as to the cats being allowed to roam on campus and one of the concerns was the spread of disease that felines carry.

"We did have our cats tested for feline leukemia and FIP (feline infectious peritonitis) and found that our cats were very healthy," Leal said. "These have been examined, they have vaccinated and they all tested negative."

An activist and advocate for the protection of animals, Leal's work has helped not only reduce the population of these animals but also save them from disease and being euthanized.

Shands, a marine biologist and JASON Project director, described the actions people can take to prevent the pollution of our planet.

"If you are the person that makes

these choices for your family, then you are the person who is empowered to maybe make a few changes, even if you make one or two changes in the products that you buy or the way that you dispose of things," Shands said.

Her goals for the community are to have curbside recycling and a glass crusher, which is a machine that can pulverize glass to such a degree that it can be returned to the beaches.


Shand's passed out reusable H-E-B grocery bags to the audience. The bags are made out of polypropylene, a durable and recyclable material most commonly used for straws, syrup and medicine bottles.

Professional Women Speak sponsors seminars in which successful women representing traditional and nontraditional professions are asked to speak about their experiences. The organization was established in 1981 by UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Ethel Cantu.



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¿Cuál ha sido tu reto más grande? “Entrar a la universidad. Me pedían mucha información como el [examen] TOEFL y clases de inglés”.

¿Si pudieras cambiar algo de la universidad, qué harías? “Que hubieran más informes de las actividades que hay”.

¿Qué te gusta de la universidad? “Está grande, está bonita y tiene gente de diferentes lugares”.

¿Qué les aconsejarías a los estudiantes de nuevo ingreso? “Que se pongan las pilas, que tienen que estudiar”.

¿Qué consejo les darías a los estudiantes para estudiar en un examen? “Que sean dedicados, que no lo dejen para un día antes”.

Anécdota: “Un día estaba en [el edificio] Norte y quería ir a las computadoras [de ahí] y [en vez] entré al laboratorio de lectura (reading lab). [Entro y] estaba lleno y todos se me quedaron viendo y [me salí y] luego me fui al laboratorio de computadoras.”.

--Recopilado por Paola Ibarra

Lectura nos invita a realizar actividades físicas

Por Mayra Urteaga

Reportera

El mensaje de JoAnne Owens-Nauslar fue muy claro: Necesitamos empezar a movernos, realizar más actividades físicas para mejorar nuestra salud.

Owens-Nauslar fue la invitada especial en la Lectura Distinguida del 2009 de la Escuela de Educación, que se llevó a cabo el 21 de abril en el Salón Cassia del edificio de Educación y Negocios (EDBC).

Su presentación, titulada “Secure Your Own Mask First”, trató sobre como ser más feliz y vivir más sano.

El realizar actividades físicas está directamente relacionado con una vida sana, dijo ella. Es por eso que uno de los estados más sanos del país es Colorado, un estado conocido por sus actividades al aire libre, tales como esquiar, andar en bicicleta e ir de excursión.

Owens-Nauslar funge como directora Corporativa de la empresa GeoFitness Inc., y cree que debemos “movernos para mejorar”.

De acuerdo a su página Web (www.geofitness.com), la

compañía se dedica a proporcionar “actividades físicas divertidas y seguras para todas las personas sin importar su edad, intereses, sexo o habilidad”.

“Ella es una verdadera líder en nuestra profesión”, dijo Christopher M. Ledingham, profesor del departamento de Salud y Rendimiento Humano (Health and Human Performance Department), al presentar a Owens-Nauslar.

De acuerdo con Owens-Nauslar, hemos excluido las actividades físicas de todos los aspectos de nuestra vida.

“[Tal como] la aeromoza te dice, ‘en caso de alguna emergencia asegure su mascarilla primero antes de tratar de ayudar a los demás’, yo les aseguro que estamos en una situación de emergencia en este país. Yo creo que la inactividad física es la epidemia de salud pública mas grande”, dijo.

Owens-Nauslar ha sido presidenta de la Asociación Nacional para el Deporte y la Educación Física (National Association for Sport and Physical Education); la Alianza Americana de Salud, Educación Física, Recreación y Baile (American



REBEKAH S. GOMEZ/COLLEGIAN

JoAnne Owens-Nauslar, directora Corporativa de la empresa GeoFitness Inc., da una plática el 21 de abril acerca de cómo permanecer en forma, durante la Lectura Distinguida de la Escuela de Educación.

Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance); entre otros. Ha recibido premios de alumna distinguida en la escuela Chadron State College y la Universidad de Nebraska-Lincoln, y el premio Trailblazer del departamento de Deportes de la Universidad de Nebraska-Lincoln.

“Sabemos más acerca de cómo mejorar la salud, permanecer

sanos, y ser más sanos que nunca en la historia de este país, y seguimos poniéndonos peor cuando se trata de nuestro estado de salud”, dijo.

En una entrevista con *El Collegian*, Owens-Nauslar señaló que la mejoría de nuestra salud empieza con nuestras decisiones y responsabilidades.

Algunos ejemplos de las decisiones que podemos tomar para vivir una vida más sana son estacionarte lejos en el trabajo y la escuela, tomarse un día libre del trabajo para disfrutar con nuestra familia, y reír. Durante toda la plática se le dio mucho énfasis a la última recomendación.

“Si vamos a mejorar nuestra salud... necesitamos romper el ciclo que existe con nuestros niños”, dijo Owens-Nauslar. “No tiene que ser una cosa o la otra. No necesitamos más lectura, más escritura, más matemáticas y quitar las clases de educación física. ... Yo quiero que... los maestros entiendan lo que hacemos con nuestro programa Learnercise, como puedes realizar movimientos significativos con música y obtener los conceptos educacionales”.

Alrededor de 90 personas asistieron al evento.

Experimentando con la física



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Martha Casquette (izquierda), coordinadora del club Circo de Física de UTB/TSC, y Cesar Ernesto Cantú, estudiante de ingeniería física mecánica de último año, preparan una bomba artificial detrás del escenario, durante un exhibición de física a los estudiantes de la secundaria Filemón B. Vela, el pasado miércoles en el patio detrás del edificio Gorgas (Free Speech Area). El club realiza estas actividades para que los estudiantes que están por ingresar a la universidad se interesen en la física.

Lecture encourages physical activity

By Mayra Urteaga
Staff Writer

JoAnne Owens-Nauslar's message is loud and clear: We need to start moving, doing more physical activities to get healthier.

Owens-Nauslar was the speaker for the School of Education's 2009 Distinguished Lecture, held April 21 in the Education and Business Complex's Salon Cassia.

Her lecture, titled "Secure Your Own Mask First," was about how to be healthier and happier.

Performing physical activities is directly related to a healthy life, she said. No wonder one of the healthiest states in the country is Colorado, a state known for such outdoor activities as skiing, biking and hiking.

Owens-Nauslar serves as director of Corporate/Community at GeoFitness Inc. and believes we must "move to improve."

According to its Web site (www.geofitness.com), the company "is dedicated to providing developmentally appropriate, fun and safe, physical activity for every person regardless of age, interest, gender or ability."

"She is a true leader in our profession," said Christopher M. Ledingham, an assis-



REBEKAH S. GOMEZ/COLLEGIAN

JoAnne Owens-Nauslar, director of Corporate/Community Development, lectures April 21 on staying fit during the School of Education's Distinguished Lecture in the Education and Business Complex's Salon Cassia. About 90 people attended the event.

tant professor in the Health and Human Performance Department, when introducing Owens-Nauslar.

According to Owens-Nauslar, we have excluded physical activities from every aspect of our lives.

"[Just like] the flight attendant will look at you and say, 'in case of emergency secure your own mask first before you try to help others,' I am assuring you that we are in an emergency situation in this country," she said. "I believe physical inactivity is the greatest public health epidemic."

Owens-Nauslar has been president of the National Association for Sport and Physical Education; the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance; the On Deck Circle-Husker Softball; and the Husker Athletic Fund. She is the recipient of the distinguished alumnus award from Chadron State College and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the Trailblazer Award from the University of Nebraska Athletic Department.

"We know more about getting well, staying well, and being well than we have ever known in the history of this country and we continue to get worse when it comes to our health status," she said.

In an interview with *The Collegian*, Owens-Nauslar pointed out that getting healthier starts with our choices and responsibilities.

Some examples of choices we can take to live a healthier life are parking far

from your work or school and walking, taking a day off work to enjoy with your family and to laugh. Particular emphasis was made on the latter recommendation throughout the lecture.

"If we are going to get healthier ... we've got to break the cycle of what is going on with our children," Owens-Nauslar said. "It does not have to be either/or. We don't have to have more reading, more writing, more math and take away health instruction of physical activity. ... I want ... teachers to understand what we do with our program Learnercise, how do you do meaningful movement with music and get the education concepts."

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The symptoms of swine flu in people are similar to regular human flu, including fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers tips on how to prevent the spread of swine flu:

- Avoid touching the eyes, nose and mouth.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after a sneeze or cough.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them.
- If you are sick, do not run errands and stay home from school or work.
- Practice social distancing. Avoid hugging and other customary greetings, such as a kiss on the cheek.
- Be healthy. Stay physically active, manage stress, drink fluids and eat nutritious foods.
- Develop a family emergency plan as a precaution. This should include storing a supply of food, medicines, facemasks, alcohol-based hand rubs and other essential supplies.

Students who come down with flu-like symptoms should go to Student Health Services or call (956) 882-8951.



Stay Informed. For the latest on how the Swine Flu is affecting UTB/TSC, visit www.utb.edu/ba/swineflu.
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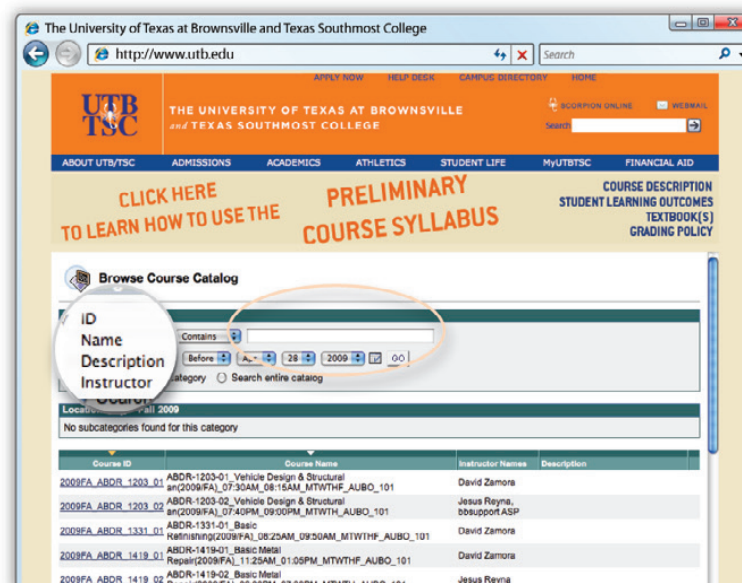
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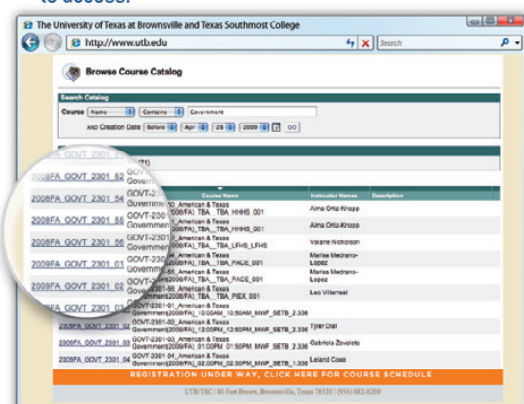
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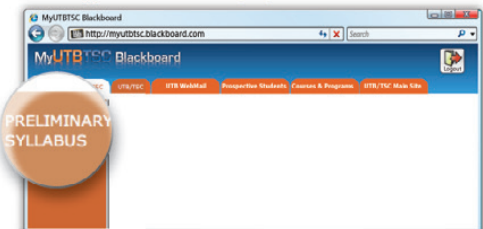
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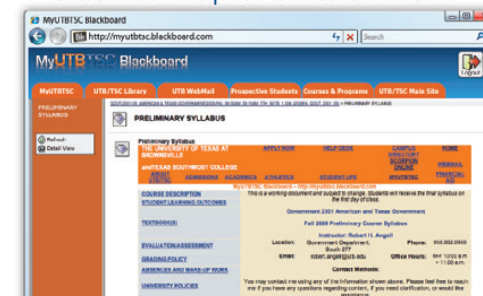
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